

## FRANCE AND GERMANY MOBILIZING ARMIES; ITALY TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

KAISER GIVES  
OUT TWO WAR  
ULTIMATUMS

**Demands That Russia and  
France Show Their In-  
tentions.**

## CHANCELLOR IN SPEECH

**Says "Let Your Hearts Beat for  
God and Your Fists on the  
Enemy"—Berlin Cheers.**

Paris, Aug. 1.—The German ambassador was ready to leave Paris at 1 o'clock this afternoon when a dispatch reached him from Berlin with some sort of suggestion, which the French government took into consideration and about which it exchanged views with London and St. Petersburg.

The German ambassador's communication was accompanied by a condition which was unacceptable. This was looked upon as a device by Germany to gain time for mobilization.

Rome, Aug. 1.—The Messagero says that the German ambassador has informed the Italian government that Germany has sent simultaneous ultimatums to Russia and France. The German government asked Russia to suspend her mobilization within twelve hours and in the demand sent to France Germany requires the French government to inform it within eighteen hours whether, in case of war between Germany and Russia, France would remain neutral.

The Messagero says Premier Salandra and the Italian foreign minister have agreed that in the present crisis Italy will remain neutral as long as she is convinced her interests are not infringed.

## Chancellor Stirrs Crowds.

Berlin, Aug. 1.—The German imperial chancellor, Von Bethman-Hollweg, addressed a huge procession of demonstrators from a window in his official residence, making a stirring speech. He said in part: "To the last hour Emperor William has worked for peace in Europe and he is still working for it. Should his efforts prove vain and should the sword be forced into our hands, we take the field in the knowledge that we did not seek war. We will then wage a war for national existence to the last drop of our blood. In the gravity of this hour I would remind you of the words of Prince Frederick Charles to the men of Brandenburg: 'Let your hearts beat for God and your fists on the enemy.'"

## Story of Negotiations.

Berlin, Aug. 1.—It was officially announced that the time limit of Germany's ultimatum to Russia expired at noon today.

An official communication published today in the North German Gazette says the Russian emperor on July 29 telegraphed to Emperor William urgently requesting him to help in averting the misfortune of a general European war and try to restrain his ally, Austria-Hungary, from going too far. Emperor William replied he would willingly take up the task of mediator and accordingly diplomatic action was initiated in Vienna. While this was in progress news that Russia was mobilizing reached Berlin and Emperor William telegraphed to the emperor of Russia that his role as mediator was by this endangered if not made impossible.

The North German Gazette, the official organ of the government, says that after the Russian emperor had given the order for the mobilization of the entire Russian army and fleet Emperor William sent a final telegram to Emperor Nicholas making clear that his own responsibility for the security of the German empire compelled him to adopt defensive measures. The kaiser continued that he had gone to the utmost in his efforts to preserve the world's peace.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Sunday;  
slightly warmer tonight.  
Temperature at 7 a. m. 65. Highest  
yesterday 81; lowest last night 63.  
Temperature at 1 p. m. 82.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 3 miles  
per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 48; at  
7 a. m. 86.

Stage of water 5.9, a fall of .3 in last  
24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Venus, Mars. Morning  
stars: Saturn, Jupiter, Mercury.  
August constellations visible about 9  
p. m.: Hercules, Lyra, Draco, Ursa  
Minor, Cassiopeia, Andromeda, Cephe-  
us, Cygnus, Pegasus, Aquarius, Capri-  
cornus, Aquila, Ophiuchus, Serpens,  
Sagittarius, Scorpio, Libra, Virgo  
(setting), Bootes, Ursa Major, Leo  
(setting), Perseus, Auriga. Evening  
stars for the month: Venus, Mars, Mer-  
cury (30th to 31st), Jupiter (30th to  
31st). Morning stars: Saturn, Mercury  
(1st to 30th), Jupiter (1st to 10th).

LINERS CONGEST  
NEW YORK PORT

**Nearly All Principal Companies  
Have Suspended Sailing  
to European Ports.**

New York, Aug. 1.—The Russian-American line announced all sailings of its ships between America and Russia have been cancelled. Two of the ships, the Russia and the Kursk, have been requisitioned by the Russian navy. Both are at Libau.

The Hamburg-American line's service between foreign ports and the West Indies and Panama has been suspended.

The North German Lloyd's steamers, Frederick der Grosse, which sailed from Baltimore July 29, and the Neckar, which sailed from Galveston the same day, were recalled today by wireless.

The Cunard line was expecting instructions from its home office today. Never before in the history of the port has trans-Atlantic service been so impaired at a neutral port. New York, it is believed, will soon lead the world in congestion of great liners rendered inactive by the European war situation.

Service between New York and Europe was suspended by the Cunard line and the International Mercantile Marine which controls the Red Star, White Star, American, Leyland, Dominican and Atlantic transport lines announced that sailings for British ports via these lines will not be interrupted.

STANDISH MEETS  
EVANS IN FINALS

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 1.—James D. Standish Jr., of Detroit Country club is the lone bunker between Charles Evans Jr. of the Edgewater Golf club and a third win of the western amateur golf championship.

These players came out on the long end of two finely contested matches in the semi-final round at the Kent Country club yesterday. Evans defeated D. E. Sawyer of the Wheaton Golf club, 2 and 1. Standish, by holding a 12 foot putt on the 36th green, eliminated Phil Stanton, the lone hope of Grand Rapids, 1 down.

Evans, by reason of his greater experience, is picked to defeat Standish in the final struggle today. "Chick" at the present time is playing the finest golf of his career. His play for the last two days has been machine-like, save for an occasional lapse on the putting greens.

Standish has shown his nerve by defeating Ned Allis in an extra hole match, and again by defeating Phil Stanton in an uphill fight. His form in both these matches has not been steady enough to warrant the belief that he can overthrow the Edgewater wizard, and it is generally predicted that the championship cup will return to Chicago, its abiding place for the last 15 years.

In gaining the silver medal position Standish has accomplished what only two other players outside of Chicago have done. These were Harry Allen in 1908 at Rock Island and Ned Allis at Milwaukee last year.

JAPAN IS READY  
FOR WORLD WAR

Tokyo, Aug. 1.—The Japanese navy is prepared to meet any emergency. Premier Okuma in a speech, referred to the gravity of the European situation, saying that perhaps the general disturbance in Europe would resolve itself into a final war of the world leading to permanent peace.

CENSOR VEIL  
DROPS CLOUD  
OVER EUROPE

**Flood of Telegrams From  
Continent to London  
Suddenly Stops.**

## MOBILIZATION BEGINS

**Germany and France Give Orders  
That Mean Beginning  
of General War.**

London, Aug. 1.—Paris dispatch says by common agreement the time limit of Germany's ultimatum to France is extended until noon Monday.

London, Aug. 1.—It is reported that the British foreign office has received an unofficial message saying that German mobilization has been ordered.

Paris, Aug. 1.—An official decree orders the general mobilization of the French army beginning tomorrow.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 1.—The enrollment of reserves started at a hundred centers in the capital at 6 o'clock this morning, amid stirring scenes.

London, Aug. 1.—The usual flood of telegrams from the continent to London suddenly stopped this afternoon. Telephonic communication has also ceased.

The censor thus drew the veil over what developments might have been the result of the German ultimatums to Russia and France and King George's efforts at intervention with the czar.

It was said in official circles that this entire interruption of communications from all of the foreign capitals can point to but one thing. The inevitable has happened—the czar has disregarded or defied the kaiser's ultimatum and Germany has given orders for a general mobilization.

The suspension of all communications with foreign countries is one of the first movements to conceal the extent of the mobilization. France and Russia have done the same thing to keep Germany in the dark.

One of the last pieces of authentic information to come through makes conditions more ominous for Germany and Austria. Italy, the third member of the Triple Alliance, will not join them.

As relayed by Paris the text of the Rome dispatch says: "It is authoritative announced that the Italian minister has informed the German ambassador that Italy will remain neutral, her obligations under the triple alliance treaty applying only to defensive war."

PEORIA VICE DISTRICT  
TO BE CLOSED TONIGHT

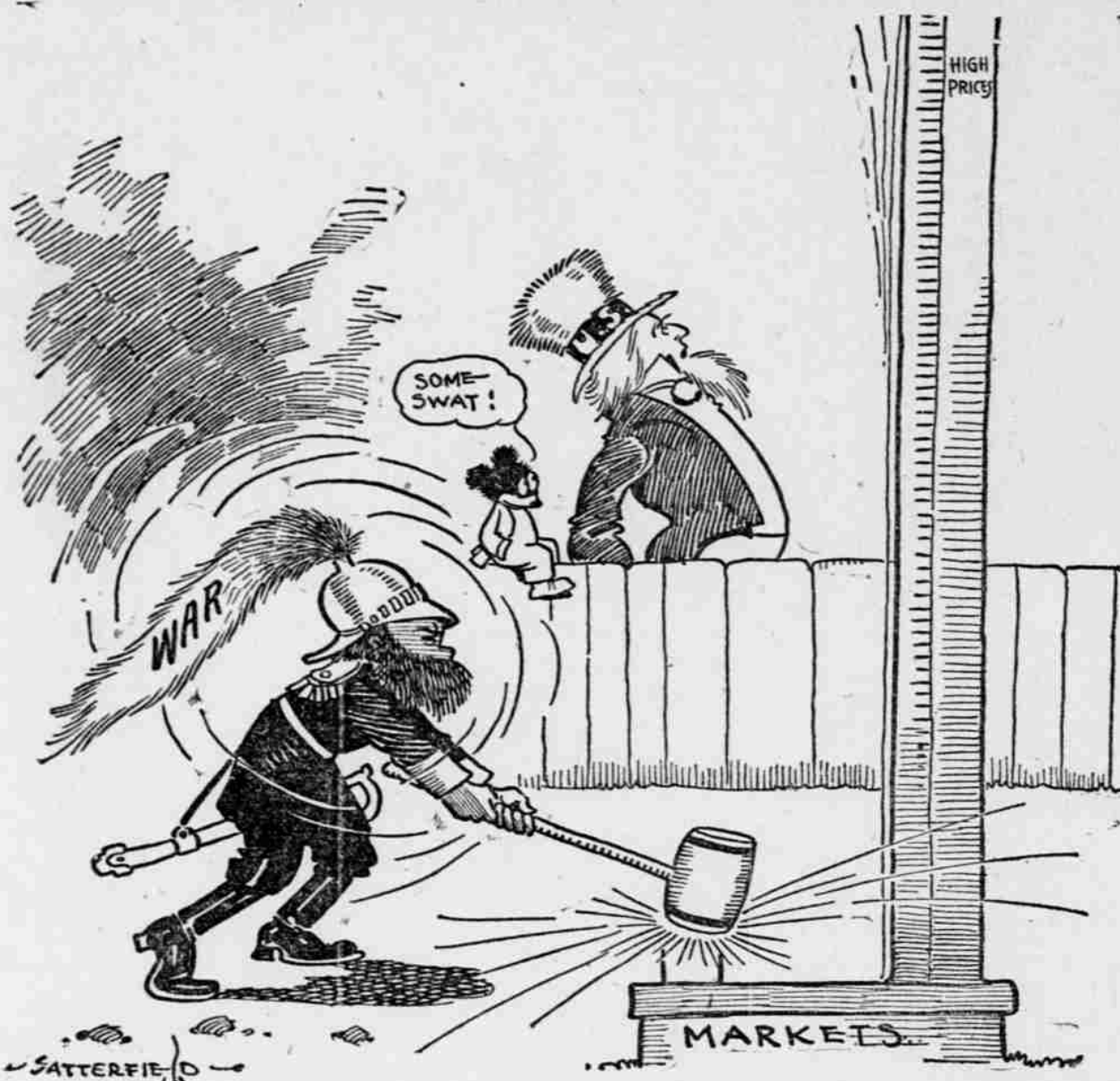
Peoria, Ill., Aug. 1.—After an existence of more years than the oldest inhabitant can recall Peoria's segregated vice district will pass out of existence this evening at 8 o'clock.

The police will see that every human being is removed from the 23 houses that constitute the "red light" district, and they do not expect a hard task, as many of the keepers and inmates already have departed from the section.

The exact number that has remained in Peoria in hope of reopening in less notorious sections will come to light in the next few weeks. There were 112 women in the district last week. Last night some of the houses were open cautiously, but the patrons were lacking.

Thus will close the first chapter of a year's agitation that for sordid, vitriolic features has not been equalled in the city's history. The Law Enforcement league, which claims the victory, announces that gambling must be closed next, and that Sunday closing of saloons will be the third reform measure to be fought for. It will be a fight, too, as the surrounding "dry" territory sends its thirsty denizens in droves to Peoria every Sunday.

## GOING UP

RAILROAD STRIKE  
CONFERENCE IS ON

**President Wilson in Session  
With Managers and Engi-  
neers of Western Roads.**

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—President Wilson began to confer at 2 o'clock with managers of the 98 western railroads threatened with a strike of 55,000 engineers and firemen. At 5 o'clock the president is to confer with the men employed on the western roads.

The issue was placed directly in the hands of President Wilson last night by Commissioner William L. Chambers and Martin A. Knapp of the United States board of mediation and conciliation. In the course of a two-hour interview with the president they pointed out to him the point of divergence between the two sides, told of the threat of the men to strike on Aug. 7, and washed their hands of the entire controversy.

In the present trouble, it is understood, President Wilson will use conciliatory argument and will urge the railroad managers and the trainmen to get together "for the benefit of the country," which "would suffer tremendous loss through a railroad strike at this time."

The situation has reached a definite crisis where reconciliation of differences or aggressive action by the trainmen must ensue without loss of time. The gravity of the situation is emphasized by the fact that the mediation board has given up in despair, thus registering its first failure in the year and two weeks since its organization.

The following communication, issued from the general offices of the road in Chicago, was received today by the local representatives of the Burlington:

"The representatives of the engineers and firemen of the western railroads having failed to agree with the managers' committee in negotiations for revision of schedule and a strike of the engineers and firemen on the western railroads including the Burlington being imminent, it seems appropriate that the officers and employees of the Burlington should be advised of the points of difference.

"Both the railroad companies and the men are willing to accept arbitration, but difficulty is on account of the inability of the companies and the men to agree on the matters that should be arbitrated.

"The engineers and firemen have agreed to restore the schedules which were cancelled Oct. 10, 1913, and to arbitrate the proposition presented by the engineers and firemen, dated Oct. 10, 1913. They desire also to have the proposition of the railroads considered by the board of arbitration.

"The railroads are willing to agree that, if their proposition is considered

by the board and the schedule awarded by the board is not as satisfactory as the old schedule, the engineers of any railroad can select to continue the old schedule instead of the one awarded by the board.

"That the pay of the engineers as a whole will not be less than it is at the present time by reason of changing the methods of computing the pay. The schedule proposed by the railroads does not change any of the essential features of the schedule now in effect and does not contemplate changing the present unit of 10 hours or 100 miles for a day's work the term (service period) to which objection has been made was withdrawn by the railroads during the negotiations and is therefore not a part of the issue at the present time.

"It will be seen, therefore, that the only difference between the companies and the men is the question of allowing the railroad companies the privilege of having their claims as well as the claims of the men considered by the board of arbitration. This, in substance, is the exact situation as it stands today, and the company feels that it would be most unfortunate if a strike with its attendant losses and discomforts would follow. Remember this important fact, that the railroad companies are simply asking for the right to have their claims as well as the claims of the men considered by the board of arbitration, but with the guarantee that the engineers as a whole will not receive less pay than they are getting at the present time, if any or all of the claims of the railroads are granted. There is no certainty that the board of arbitration will grant the claims of either the men or the roads, so that even if any of the railroad companies' claims are granted, it would only be after a hearing of all sides of the case before a fair and impartial board of arbitration.

"H. E. BYRAM."

AMBASSADORS  
ARE PACKING UP

Washington, Aug. 1.—Official advice at the White house today reported the German ambassador is leaving St. Petersburg. Ambassador Herriek at Paris has reported a proposal to place German interests in France in his hands was being discussed there.

No action was taken by this government on the proposal for Ambassador Herriek to represent Germany, but officials expect such duties will devolve upon American diplomats generally in Europe and will be assumed by them. Other reports from American diplomatic officers were characterized as "not encouraging." None received by the president held out any hope that a general European conflict could be averted.

GENERAL OBREGON BEGINS  
MARCH ON MEXICO CITY

Guadalajara, Aug. 1.—General Obregon has telegraphed President Carranza: "With my troops I begin marching on the capital tomorrow, disarming all federals and garrisons I encounter. I will notify you if resistance is offered or attempts are made to destroy railroads by federals under your orders. I will give battle and hold them responsible."

RATE DECISION  
GIVES INCREASE

**Final Order of Interstate Commerce Commission Will Be  
Made Public Tomorrow.**

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—It was announced at the Interstate Commerce Commission this morning "that every effort would be made to publish its decision in the eastern freight advance case at or after 3 o'clock today."

Washington, Aug. 1.—At last the railroad rate decision is finished.

Approved by the interstate commerce commission, the order and the reasons therefor were sent to the printer late yesterday afternoon. The entire matter will be given out for publication late this afternoon and will appear in the papers of Sunday morning.

The decision, as finally determined, follows exactly along the lines of the forecast. It grants a 5 per cent increase in class rates and in practically all of the commodity rates in what is known as Central Freight association territory. It denies any increase in rates east of Buffalo and Pittsburgh in what are known as Grand Trunk and New England territories. It denies any increase in through rates.

It points the way to economies by the railroads, which, if enforced, will reduce expenditures. It suggests the lifting off of special privileges granted to shippers, especially at terminals, which will result in additional revenues.

It condemns the railroads for engaging in a campaign to force favorable action by the commission upon the application they made for a 5 per cent increase.

It warns the country that the advance in rates given does not justify any increase in prices by merchants. The commission has had an extremely difficult task in framing a decision which would meet the needs of the roads requiring additional revenue, and yet not impose an unnecessary burden upon the people.

Chicago Markets Normal.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 1.—For the first time since the declaration of war by Austria the Chicago wheat market opened normal.

IMPORTS TO U. S.  
AT A STANDSTILL

New York, Aug. 1.—Almost complete suspension of the import business of the country is near at hand, according to large importing firms, owing to the cancellation of sailings of German steamship lines. Great difficulty is also expected in moving American exports owing to the limited tonnage under United States registry of neutral flags.

All exports of petroleum and other oil products destined for Europe have been stopped by the Standard Oil company, such commodities being considered contraband of war.

ITALY MAY  
DROP TRIPLE  
ALLIANCE TIE

**Declaration of Neutrality  
From Rome May Avert  
General Conflict.**

## SEEMS ONLY HOPE LEFT

**All Other Indications Seem to  
Point to the Inevitability  
of European War.**

Paris, Aug. 1.—Dispatches from Rome say Italy has formally notified the German ambassador this evening she will remain neutral.

London, Aug. 1.—King George made a final effort to prevent the outbreak of a general European war today at the 11th hour by sending a dispatch to the emperor of Russia and a message that is understood to contain an ultimate appeal for the preservation of peace. At the same time from Rome came news that Italy has decided to remain neutral unless attacked. While this information is not confirmed, it is said in official circles it "caused no surprise." At the Italian embassy in London the belief was expressed that should Italy remain neutral with the possibility of her turning against her allies, Germany and Austria-Hungary, the latter nation would be reluctant to embark on a general European war.

On the other hand the fact stood out that Germany had taken a firm attitude and had asked Russia to suspend the mobilization of her forces within a time limit of 12 hours which expired at noon today. She also asked France to define within 18 hours the attitude she would assume in case of war by Germany and Austria against Russia. It was pointed out in authoritative circles that France, under terms of her treaty, would be compelled to intervene.

## Japan's Attitude.

The Japanese ambassador at London said that as long as the warships belonging to the triple alliance remained at Tsing-Tau Japan would take no action against them, but should they attack British interests, a situation would arise which would be dealt with by Japan in the spirit of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

Telephone communication between London and Paris was interrupted today, the respective governments having taken over the service to prevent the leakage of news.

Many Americans still insist on obtaining passports from the United States embassy on the main line for Germany and France.

France is reported to have ordered a general mobilization of her forces as the prospects of peace are thought to be hopeless.

The British telegraph authorities are exercising censorship over all incoming press dispatches from the continent.

Information has reached the French embassy here that the German ambassador in Paris intimated he would leave his post tonight.

## Belgium Buys All Wheat.

Brussels, Aug. 1.—The Belgian government has bought the entire wheat supply in Antwerp.

## German Consul, Capetown, Leaves.

Capetown, South Africa, Aug. 1.—The German consul general, with his entire staff, left here today for England on the steamer Saxon.

## Funds for Russian Red Cross.

Moscow, Aug. 1.—The municipal council has voted a half million dollars for the Red Cross service of Russia and friendly powers.

LONDON DISCOUNT RATE  
GOES UP TO TEN PER CENT

London, Aug. 1.—The Bank of England has raised the discount rate to 10 per cent.

The National Penny bank institution with many branches where small deposits are received, was closed today. The closing of the Penny bank, whose customers are mostly working people, caused no excitement whatever.

Berlin, Aug. 1.—The bank rate at the Imperial Bank of Germany has been raised to 6 per cent.

WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS  
WILL PRAY FOR PEACE

New York, Aug. 1.—Thirty million members of the world's Sunday School association, scattered throughout the world are called upon to pray tomorrow for peace.